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In the Court of Criminal Appeals

Leax v. State

Letter Correcting Misstatement at Oral Argument

To the Court of Criminal Appeals:

Mr. Leax files this letter to correct an embarrassing error counsel made in oral argument.

The original indictment in this case accused Mr. Leax of believing the complainant to be a minor. The amended indictment, however — to which Mr. Leax pleaded guilty — defined "J. Nichols, a minor" as "an individual who represents himself to be 11 years of age. Clerk's Record in Court of Appeals Cause Number 09-14-00452-CR, at 110; Clerk's Record in Court of Appeals Cause Number 09-14-00453-CR, at 105.

Therefore both the overbreadth created by subsection (a), the overbreadth created by subsection (d), and the age play described in the age-play affidavit are all at issue in this case (assuming that the "standing" issue is resolved in Mr. Leax's favor).

Thank you,

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